

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, between lines 29 and 30, insert the following new subheading and new paragraphs:

Brief Descriptions of the Drawings

Fig. 1 shows an elevational view of an apparatus for molding a mold of the preferred embodiment of the invention, using squeeze plates as a squeeze means.

Fig. 2 shows a part of a sectional view of an elevational view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 shows a part of a sectional view of a plane view of Fig. 1.

Figs. 4(a) and (b) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.

Figs. 5(a) and (b) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.

Figs. 6(a) and (b) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.

Figs. 7(a) and (b) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.

Figs. 8(a) and (b) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 9 shows an elevational view of an apparatus for molding a mold of the preferred embodiment of the invention, using segmented-squeeze feet as a squeeze means.

Fig. 10 shows a part of a sectional view of an elevational view of Fig. 9.

Fig. 11 shows a part of a sectional view of a plane view of Fig. 9.

Figs. 12(a), (b) and (c) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 9.

Figs. 13(a), (b) and (c) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 9.

Figs. 14(a) - (f) show operational views indicating some of the processes for molding a mold by the apparatus shown in Fig. 9.

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 3, the clamping mechanisms 28, 28 are disposed at the front and the rear outer side of the upper lifting and lowering frame 14, and are provided with The clamping mechanisms 28, 28 include a pair of the swinging-motors 29, 29 and a pair of the clamp means 30, 30. The clamp means 30, 30 are fixed to the swinging-shafts of the motors, which can rotate clockwise or counterclockwise. Thus the clamp means 30, 30 can swing by means of the rotation of the motors 29, 29. [[A]]Thereby the pair of the clamp means 30, 30 can engage the grooves disposed at the upper portion of the connecting rods 18, 18 of the unit of the upper and the lower flask 27 and can hold the upper portion of the connecting rods.

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

[[An]]The upper lifting and lowering frame 14, having a reverse L-shaped configuration, is slidably disposed at the upper portion of the guide rods 13, 13 through a holder portion fixed to the lifting and lowering frame 14. Also, [[a]]the lower lifting and lowering frame 15, having an L-shaped configuration, is slidably disposed at the lower

portion of the guide rods 13, 13 through a holder portion fixed to the lifting lowering frame 15.

Page 13, replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 through page 14, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Then, as shown in Fig. 4-b, the upper and the lower flask 2, 3 accessapproach each other by means of driving the cylinder 16, which is arranged upward, and the cylinder 17, which is arranged downward, of the squeezing mechanism 9, so that the upper and the lower lifting and lowering frame 14, 15 can accessapproach each other. Next, as shown in Fig. 5-a, a pair of the clamping mechanisms 28, 28 disposed at the lower lifting and lowering frame 15 hold the lower portion of the connecting rods of the unit of the upper and lower flask 27.

Page 17, replace the paragraph beginning on line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Then, the upper and the lower flask 2, 3 accessapproach each other by means of driving the cylinder 16, which is arranged upward, and the cylinder 17, which is arranged downward, of the squeezing mechanism 9, so that the upper and the lower lifting and lowering frame 14, 15 can accessapproach each other. Next, a pair of the clamping mechanisms 28, 28 disposed at the lower lifting and lowering frame 15 hold the lower portion of the connecting rods 18, 18 of the unit of the upper and the lower flask 27.

Page 21, delete lines 19-34 in their entirety.

Page 22, delete in their entirety.